(iv) Protection to handlooms by reserving certain varieties of cloth for their exclusive production in the handloom sector;

(v) Design support and provision of technological inputs through a number of Weavers' Service Centres in the country;

(iv) Special fiscal concessions to the handloom sector to remove the cost handicap of handlooms *vis-a-vis* the powerlooms;

(vii) Thrift Fund Scheme;

(viii) Workshed–cum-Housing Scheme; and

(ix) The Janata Cloth Scheme under which it is ensured that reasonable level of wages is paid to handloom weavers.

Government has also announced a new Scheme entitled "Margin Money for Destitute Weavers" to be implemented during the current financial year for the benefit of handloom weavers living below poverty line.

During the period from 1st March to 31st October '91 the States of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Karnataka were released a total of Rs. 20.10 crore, Rs. 12.37 crore and Rs. 5.61 crore respectively under the various central schemes.

(b) and (c). During the period from March to October '91, the marketability of handloom products has been affected due to high prices of hank yarn. Government is constantly reving the price situation and at required occassions in racted with the spinning industry to pursuade time reduce the yarn prices.

Filling up of Posts of Chairmen in Nationalised Banks

*241. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the posts of Chairmen of several nationalised banks are lying vacant for a long time;

(b) if so, the details thereof bank–wise and since when these posts are lying vacant;

(c) the reasons for delay in filling up the vacancies; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d). At present the position of Chairman and Managing Director is vacant in 6 nationalised banks. The details of these vacancies are given below:–

Name of the Bank	Date from which vacant
Corporation Bank	10.7.1990
Vijaya Bank	22.9.1990
Bank of India	30.8.1991
Central Bank of India	31.8.1991
Canara Bank	1.9.1991
Syndicate Bank	5.11.1991

The process of selection and appointment of Chief executives on the boards of nationalised banks is a time consuming exercise as it involves evaluation of the persons eligible for such appointment and

completion of various other formalities. Government have already initiated necessary steps to fill up the vacancies.

[*Translation*]

Bank Dacoities in Karnataka

2499. SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEER-APPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE pleased to state:

(a) the number of bank dacoities that took place in Karnataka during the last three years; and

(b) the number of persons killed in these incidents and the amount of compensation paid to the next of kin of the deceased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) As per available information, during the period from 1.1.1989 to 30.9.1991, one incident of dacoity at Jawalgere Branch of Syndicate Bank in Karnataka has been reported.

(b) Since no person was reported to have been killed in this incident, the question of payment of any compensation does not arise.

[*English*]

Recommendations of Fourth Pay Commission

2500. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the recommendations of the Fourth Pay Commission were received by the Government;

(b) the details of the recommendations which have not been implemented so far and the reasons therefore; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to implement these recommendations and time bound programme, if any, for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) The Report of the Fourth Central Pay Commission was received by the Government on the 30th June, 1986.

(b) and (c). The details of the recommendations pending for implementation are given in the Annexure. The concerned Ministries/Departments have again, been asked to finalise decisions on these recommendations within a time frame.